

## Action by Missouri Clean Water Commission

Date of Action: September 7, 2005

Water Body:

Name: River des Peres  
Classification: P  
Identification #: 1710  
Length of Segment: 1.5 miles  
County (ies): St. Louis City

Use Attainability Analysis (UAA) Finding(s):

A whole body contact (WBC) recreation UAA was submitted to the department from MEC Water Resources, Inc. on behalf of the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District on July 14, 2005. The UAA evaluated Criterion #1: Natural Pollutant Sources; Criterion #2: Natural, Ephemeral, Intermittent or Low-Flow Conditions; Criterion #3: Non-Remedial, Human Caused Conditions; Criterion #4: Hydrologic Modifications; and Criterion #6: Substantial, Widespread Social and Economic Impact.

Review Committee Recommendation (RCR):

**Committee Recommendation:** ☐ Retain Use ☐ Modify Use ☐ Remove Use ☒ Inconclusive

The UAA Review Committee determined the UAA to be inconclusive, based on insufficient information regarding bacteria speciation between anthropogenic and natural sources (Criterion #1), the effect of the non-remedial human caused condition on the river's recreational uses (Criterion #3), and the specific scope of substantial, widespread social and economic impacts if full treatment was required (Criterion #6). The committee recommended that further study be conducted to support the basis of these findings.

Summary of Comment(s):

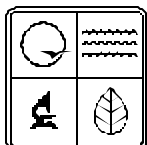
The department received one comment on August 23, 2005, from Mr. John Lodderhose, P.E., of the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District. Mr. Lodderhose provided supplemental information and indicated that the river is not safe for swimming.  
<http://www.dnr.mo.gov/wpscd/wpcp/wqstandards/uaa/msd-letter-riverdesperes-082305.pdf>

The department received a comment on August 25, 2005, from Mr. Carl Ted Stude. Mr. Stude discussed both his personal and professional experiences with River des Peres. He suggested not require disinfection, but rather control or eliminate combined sewer overflows (CSOs), promote separate sewers, and manage River des Peres.  
<http://www.dnr.mo.gov/wpscd/wpcp/wqstandards/uaa/carl-ted-stude-riverdesperes-082605.pdf>

Commission Action on Comment(s):

**Commission Action:** ☐ Retain Use ☐ Modify Use ☒ Remove Use ☐ Inconclusive

The commission voted to remove the WBC recreation use designation for River des Peres in St. Louis City from the mouth upstream to Gravois Creek. Reasons for the removal



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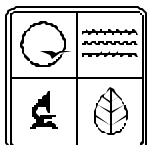
include the general condition of the stream due to channelization and effects of urbanization.

### **Final Order of Rulemaking:**

The WBC recreation use designation will be removed on River des Peres in St. Louis City from the mouth upstream to Gravois Creek (1.5 miles).

### **Opportunity for Further Public Comment:**

River des Peres will be placed on public notice until November 15, 2005, to solicit comments on recreational uses within the creek. Comments should specify the type of recreational activity, where that activity takes place on the creek, and the specific dates or times of year, if known.



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